THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The claim reported to have been made by a self-proclaimed eye-witness that it was a false encounter is patently false. In fact, the inquiry made by Delhi Police indicates that, in all probability, the said person was not even present at the scene of the incident when it took place.

(d) Delhi Police have in their report to the Commission indicated in detail the circumstances in which the encounter took place and how the claim made by the so called eye-witness that the incident was set up, is false.

New Property Tax System in Delhi

805. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR :

SHRI RAJU PARMAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item titled "MCD for square deal in property tax" appearing in the 'Times of India', New Delhi on 23rd October, 2002; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the new system of property tax to be announced by the Government and to what extent it will help the property owners in NCT of Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi has constituted an Expert Committee to consider, *inter alia*, the introduction of the Unit Area System of Property Tax and determine the rate at which the Unit Area Tax on Property should be calculated. The said Committee has not yet finalized its recommendations.

Illegal Arms Confiscated from Different Parts of the Country

806. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of illegal arms confiscated from different parts of the country during the last five years, state-wise and year-wise;

(b) the manner in which the confiscated arms are disposed;

(c) whether efforts have been made to identify the country of origin of the confiscated arms and if so, with what success; and